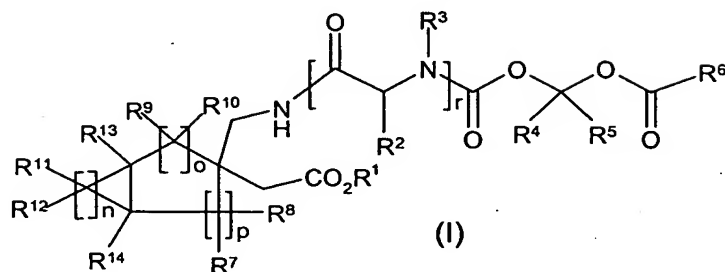


## CLAIMS

What is Claimed Is:

- 5            1.        A compound of structural formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, solvate or N-oxide thereof, wherein:

n is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6;

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o is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

p is 0, 1 or 2;

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r is 0 or 1;

$R^1$  and  $R^3$  are independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, substituted cycloheteroalkyl, heteroalkyl, substituted heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl or substituted heteroarylalkyl;

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$R^2$  is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkoxy, substituted alkoxy, acyl, substituted acyl, acylamino, substituted acylamino, alkylamino, substituted alkylamino, aryl, substituted aryl, arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, carbamoyl, substituted carbamoyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, substituted cycloheteroalkyl, dialkylamino, substituted dialkylamino, heteroalkyl, substituted heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, substituted heteroarylalkyl, oxycarbonyl or substituted oxycarbonyl, or optionally,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$

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together with the atoms to which they are bonded form a cycloheteroalkyl or substituted cycloheteroalkyl ring;

5         $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, carbamoyl, substituted carbamoyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkoxycarbonyl, substituted cycloalkoxycarbonyl, heteroalkyl, substituted heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, substituted heteroarylalkyl, oxycarbonyl or substituted oxycarbonyl or optionally,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  together with the carbon atom to which they are  
10       bonded form a cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl or substituted cycloheteroalkyl ring;

$R^6$  is acyl, substituted acyl, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl,  
15       substituted cycloheteroalkyl, heteroalkyl, substituted heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl or substituted heteroarylalkyl; and

      each of  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, cycloalkyl,  
20       substituted cycloalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, substituted cycloheteroalkyl, heteroalkyl, substituted heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl or substituted heteroarylalkyl.

2.       The compound of Claim 1, wherein each of  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  
25        $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is independently hydrogen, alkyl or substituted alkyl.

3.       The compound of Claim 2, wherein  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are hydrogen or methyl.

30       4.       The compound of Claim 1, wherein:

$R^1$  is hydrogen, alkanyl, substituted alkanyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, aryl, substituted aryl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen, alkanyl, substituted alkanyl, aryl, substituted aryl, arylalkanyl, substituted arylalkanyl, cycloalkanyl, heteroarylalkyl or substituted heteroarylalkanyl or optionally  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  together with the atoms to which they are bonded form a cycloheteroalkyl or substituted cycloheteroalkyl ring;

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$R^3$  is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl;

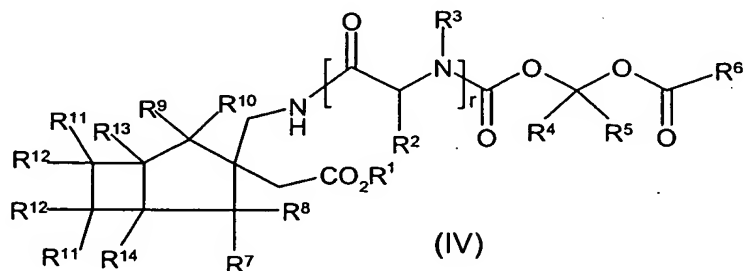
$R^4$  and  $R^5$  are independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, substituted alkoxy carbonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, heteroaryl or substituted heteroaryl;

$R^6$  is acyl, substituted acyl, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, arylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or substituted heteroaryl; and

each of  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is independently hydrogen, alkyl or substituted alkyl.

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5. The compound of Claim 4, having structural Formula (IV):



wherein each of  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is independently hydrogen or methyl.

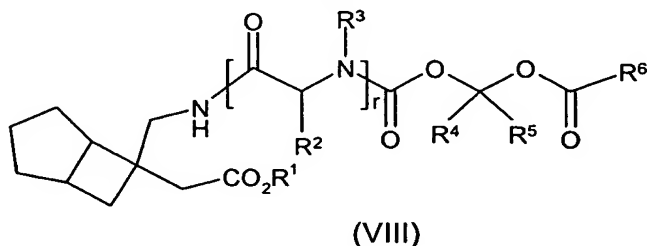
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6. The compound of Claim 5, wherein the compound is derived from a fused GABA analog selected from the group consisting of:

(1 $\alpha$ , 3 $\alpha$ , 5 $\alpha$ )(3-Aminomethyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-3-yl)-acetic acid; and

(1 $\alpha$ , 3 $\beta$ , 5 $\alpha$ )(3-Aminomethyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-3-yl)-acetic acid.

7. The compound of Claim 4 having structural Formula (VIII):



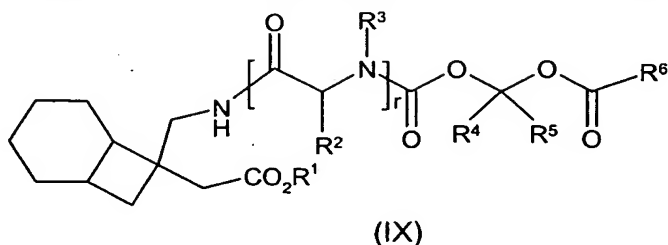
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8. The compound of Claim 7, wherein the compound is derived from a fused GABA analog selected from the group consisting of:

(6-Aminomethyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-6-yl)-acetic acid;  
 ((1R, 5R, 6S)-6-Aminomethyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-6-yl)-acetic acid; and  
 ((1S, 5S, 6R)-6-Aminomethyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-6-yl)-acetic acid.

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9. The compound of Claim 4, having structural Formula (IX):



- 15            10. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein r is 0, R<sup>4</sup> is methyl, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are hydrogen and R<sup>6</sup> is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl, 1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl, 1,1-diethoxypropyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl, 1,1-dimethoxybutyl, 1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl, 1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl,
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butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl, phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

11. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein  $r$  is 0,  $R^4$  is ethyl,  $R^1$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen and  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl, 1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl, 1,1-diethoxypropyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl, 1,1-dimethoxybutyl, 1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl, 1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl, phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

12. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein  $r$  is 0,  $R^4$  is propyl,  $R^1$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen and  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl, 1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl, 1,1-diethoxypropyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl, 1,1-dimethoxybutyl, 1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl, 1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl, phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

13. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein  $r$  is 0,  $R^4$  is isopropyl,  $R^1$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen and  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl, 1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl,

1,1-diethoxypropyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl,  
 1,1-dimethoxybutyl, 1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl, 1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl,  
 5 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl,  
 phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl,  
 cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

10 14. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein  $r$  is 0,  $R^4$  is butyl,  $R^1$   
 and  $R^5$  are hydrogen and  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl,  
 propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl,  
 1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl, 1,1-diethoxypropyl,  
 15 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl, 1,1-dimethoxybutyl,  
 1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl,  
 1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl,  
 20 butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl, phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl,  
 cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

15 15. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein  $r$  is 0,  $R^4$  is isobutyl,  
 $R^1$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen and  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl,  
 25 propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl,  
 1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl, 1,1-diethoxypropyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl, 1,1-dimethoxybutyl,  
 1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl,  
 30 1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl,  
 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl,  
 butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl, phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl,  
 cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

16. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein  $r$  is 0,  $R^4$  is *sec*-butyl,  $R^1$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen and  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl, 1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl, 1,1-diethoxypropyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl, 1,1-dimethoxybutyl, 1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl, 1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl, phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

17. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein  $r$  is 0,  $R^4$  is cyclopentyl,  $R^1$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen and  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl, 1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl, 1,1-diethoxypropyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl, 1,1-dimethoxybutyl, 1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl, 1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl, phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

18. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein  $r$  is 0,  $R^4$  is cyclohexyl,  $R^1$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen and  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl, 1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl,

1,1-diethoxypropyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl,  
1,1-dimethoxybutyl, 1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl,  
1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl, 1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl,  
1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl,  
5 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl,  
1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl,  
phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl,  
cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

10 19. The compound of any one of Claims 4-9, wherein  $r$  is 0, each of  $R^1$ ,  $R^4$   
and  $R^5$  is hydrogen, and  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl,  
propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *sec*-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, *sec*-pentyl, neopentyl,  
1,1-dimethoxyethyl, 1,1-diethoxyethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-ethyl,  
1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-ethyl, 1,1-dimethoxypropyl, 1,1-diethoxypropyl,  
15 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-propyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-propyl, 1,1-dimethoxybutyl,  
1,1-diethoxybutyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-butyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-butyl,  
1,1-dimethoxybenzyl, 1,1-diethoxybenzyl, 1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-benzyl,  
1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-benzyl, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-phenethyl, 1,1-diethoxy-2-phenethyl,  
1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, 1-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-2-phenethyl, acetyl, propionyl,  
20 butyryl, benzoyl, phenacetyl, phenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, styryl,  
cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and 3-pyridyl.

20. A method for treating or preventing epilepsy, depression, anxiety,  
psychosis, faintness attacks, hypokinesia, cranial disorders, neurodegenerative  
25 disorders, panic, pain, inflammatory disease, insomnia, gastrointestinal disorders or  
ethanol withdrawal syndrome in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in  
need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to  
Claim 1.

30 21. A method for treating or preventing neuropathic pain, muscular pain or  
skeletal pain in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in need of such  
treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1.



22. A pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing epilepsy, depression, anxiety, psychosis, faintness attacks, hypokinesia, cranial disorders, neurodegenerative disorders, panic, pain, inflammatory disease, insomnia, gastrointestinal disorders or ethanol withdrawal syndrome in a patient, comprising a  
5 therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

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